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SUBJ: SYRIA REPLIES TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CHARGES

SYRIAN MEDIA APRIL 23 FEATURED COMMENT BY
MINDEF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR RED CROSS AFFAIRS
THAT RECENTLY PUBLISHED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT
ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR WAS NOT
OBJECTIVE BECAUSE IT IGNORED (1) ISRAELI USE OF
SYRIAN PRISONERS TO CLEAR HERMON AREA MINEFIELDS;
(2) ISRAELI "MURDER" OF SYRIAN SOLDIERS FLEEING
BURNING HELICOPTER; (3) PREMEDITATED BOMBING OF
SYRIAN CITIES, ESPECIALLY DAMASCUS, HREULTING IN
"MURDER" OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLO-
MATIC CORPS. OFFICIAL ADDED THAT A.I. COMMITTEE
REPORTED IT UNABLE VISIT CIVILIAN DETAINEES IN
BOTH SYRIA AND ISRAEL, HBUT THIS ATTEMPT TO EQUALIZE
RESPONSIBILITY ON BOTH PARTIES "ASTONISHING" SINCE
SYRIANS NOT DETAINING ANY ISRAELI CIVILIANS WHEREAS
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ISRAELI PRISONS "CROWDED WITH THOUSANDS OF ARAB

CIVILIAN DETAINEES WHO ARE BEING TREATED WITH MAXIMUM DEGREE BRUTALITY AND DENIED MINIMUM BENEFITS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN LAW." OFFICIAL ALSO ASSERTED THAT SYRIA HAD ADHERED TO NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ACCORDS, INCLUDING FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949 AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS RELATING TO PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS, WHICH ISRAEL REFUSED TO ACCEPT.
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